

VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 10, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM
MINUTES

President Slotten called the meeting to order.

Trustees present – Ninmann, Robbins, Birr, Dykstra, Pawlisch. Absent – Gould.

Village Representatives – Craig Schultz (DPW), Brent Van Gysel (PD), Marie Abegglen (C-T)

Approve Agenda – The only change is updated amounts from Columbia County for the street repair estimates. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the agenda with this change. All Members – aye – motion carried.

ENGINEERING/ATTORNEY/FINANCIAL ADVISOR -

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC WORKS

Eagle Scout Project – Footbridge re-staining – Neither Brian nor Josh Frank were at this meeting. They had asked the Clerk about funding for supplies from the Village, draw down on the river and any Village equipment they could use. The Village is willing to purchase supplies. We do not have equipment available nor would the river be drawn down. The decking that is put on from the Snowmobile Club is still on. It really should be pressure washed before staining.

Columbia County Street Repair Estimates- Jennifer \$9,626.47, Prairie \$7,497.70, Sunrise \$8,779.70. The estimates from the County did not have the requested specifications. They have re-submitted the estimates using the correct specs. Jennifer - \$11,077.35, Prairie \$8,747.08 and Sunrise Lane \$9,035.04. Craig believes Prairie and Sunrise are the most needed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Dykstra and second by Trustee Ninmann to proceed with the repairs to Prairie and Sunrise. All Members – aye - motion carried.

The streets were swept today by the City of Columbus DPW. Street painting will be done this year. It is done in alternating years. Keep painting the white lines on South Street in front of the school. There used to be no parking or stopping sign on this side of the school. There are many cars that are now stopping in those areas. Paint yellow in front of the hydrants. Niehoff Drive will not have the yellow painted along the whole street in front of the two apartment buildings. This may have been done at one time because of the mailboxes. They have had problems with the Church Street lift station because of the “flushable” rags that have been coming thru. The impeller and valves are bad. A note should be put on the water bills again about the expensive repairs needed. Brent will contact the Rotary to see if they would be willing to purchase 1 – 3 benches to add to our parks. He will bring an answer to the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Update on new squad – 2019 Dodge Durango – The new squad is in the back garage. They are waiting for parts to come in for the conversion. He presented the May and June reports. FR and Rio are hiring three new officers. The PD is having problems with the telephone. He thinks we should pursue a new system.

Qualify 2013 Ford Explorer as Surplus Property – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to designate the 2013 Ford Explorer as surplus equipment. It can be listed in the easiest way at the Chief’s discretion as soon as the Durango is put into service. Sold to the highest bidder with no reserve. All Members – aye - motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder: Monday, July 15, 5 PM, Economic Development 101 at Savanna Oaks –
At this time Trustee Robbins has 17 people attending in addition to the Board.

Update from Park Committee – Park benches would be a good start. New swings have been put in. The Committee has met with Kory to begin a Hometown Park plan. The Board is OK to start spending some money. Anyone is invited to attend the Park Committee meetings. It is open to the Public. Charmaine Schultz is interest in helping or becoming a member of the committee. The current committee was set up temporarily. Pickle ball may be of interest to many of our residents. Hometown Park will not be set up as a rental facility. The building will house restrooms and a covered picnic table area.

Set date for Finance Committee to review YTD vs Budget a budget meeting is set for Tuesday, July 23rd at 6 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Bridget McClelland for the Clerk Assistant Position – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to hire Bridget McClelland for \$15.00 per hour, 36 hours per week with full benefits. Could work up to 40 hours per week at Marie's discretion. All members – aye – motion carried.

Water Simplified Rate Increase – We qualify for the 3% increase. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the Simplified Rate Increase of 3% for the Water Utility. All Members – aye - motion carried.

MINUTES, BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from 06/12/19 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Robbins and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the Minutes of 06/12/19. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Bills Paid – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Ninmann to approve the bills as presented. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Financial Report from June 2019 – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Birr and second by Trustee Pawlisch to approve the Financial Report from June. \$100,000 should be transferred from the Water Checking to the LGIP Water Reserve Account and \$150,000 transferred from the Sewer Checking to the LDIP Sewer Reserve Account. If funds are needed in the checking, they should be transferred back at the discretion of the Clerk-Treasurer. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Transfer \$350 from Concert proceeds to the Park Fund – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Ninmann and second by Trustee Pawlisch to transfer the \$350 from General to Parks. All Members – aye – motion carried.

Revolving Loan Funds and Future Use – Guidance for the Finance Committee – The Board is in favor of keeping a Revolving Loan Fund available for business retention, expansion or new business. They are also still interested in purchasing land for Industrial expansion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION WAS MADE BY Trustee Pawlisch and second by Trustee Ninmann to adjourn. All Members – aye - motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:50 PM.

Marie Abegglen